

How do I register for LACEL?

To register for **LACEL** please call (888) 922-4453. You will be connected to the local Child Care Resource & Referral (R&R) Agency in your community. Your local R&R will give you instructions on how to register or provide you with an application form.

Listed below are the R&R Agencies and the communities that they serve.

Center for Community and Family Services

Downey, Compton, Torrance, Lynwood

Child Care Information Services (CCIS)

Pasadena, Foothill Communities

Child Care Resource Center (CCRC)

San Fernando, Santa Clarita, Antelope Valleys

Children’s Home Society of California

Bellflower, Cerritos, Lakewood, Long Beach, Norwalk

Connections for Children

Culver City, Santa Monica, South Bay, West Los Angeles

Crystal Stairs

Gardena, Inglewood, South Central Los Angeles, Hawthorne, Lawndale

Mexican American Opportunity Foundation (MAOF)

East and Southeast Los Angeles, Montebello

Options

San Gabriel Valley, Whittier

Pathways

Downtown Los Angeles, Highland Park, Hollywood, Mid-Wilshire, Silver Lake, West Hollywood

Pomona Unified School District

Pomona and surrounding cities



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Helping connect low-income families with
subsidized child care and development programs
in Los Angeles County

A program of the Child Care Planning Committee of the County of
Los Angeles, administered by the Office of Child Care
with funding from the California Department of Education

Do you need help paying for child care and development services?

You may qualify to be on the Los Angeles Centralized Eligibility List (LACEL).

What is LACEL?

LACEL is a countywide database administered by Los Angeles County, Office of Child Care and used by all subsidized child care and development programs funded by the California Department of Education (CDE). These programs search the LACEL to find eligible families for enrollment.



How can LACEL help me?

LACEL gives parents access to a large number of subsidized child care programs through a single, one-time application. LACEL saves you the time of applying at each agency and ensures that subsidized child care spaces are offered to the most eligible families.

Is LACEL a waiting list?

LACEL is not a waiting list. LACEL is an eligibility list. An eligibility list determines which families are eligible and have the highest priority for services based on the eligibility requirements. LACEL is not administered on a first come, first serve basis. The length of time that a family has been waiting does not determine who will be served first. There is no guarantee that your family will receive subsidized child care.

Who is eligible for subsidized child care?

Families must meet eligibility requirements based on income and family size. All programs except Part-day California State Preschool Programs require that families need care for one or more of the following reasons:

- Working
- Looking for work
- Attending school or a training program
- Medically incapacitated (unable to care for children)
- Homeless
- Family is involved with child protective services



Types of Subsidized Child Care and Development programs available in Los Angeles County

California State Preschool Programs

These programs provide educational activities for children between ages of 3 and 5 years. Programs are developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate. In addition to providing parent education, encouraging parent involvement, and making referrals to health and social services. Agencies may offer part or full day preschool. Programs may operate full year or during the school year only.

Child Care and Development Centers

These programs provide child development services for infants, toddlers, or school-age children. Programs generally offer services Monday through Friday from 7a.m. to 6 p.m. These programs provide educational activities for children that are developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate. Programs also offer opportunities for parent involvement.

Family Child Care Home Education Networks

Individual licensed family child care homes are linked to an agency which provides training, parent support, child assessments, and enrollment. Each network agency evaluates the homes in its network and assists parents in choosing the right home for their child. Network homes provide educational activities for children that are developmentally, culturally and linguistically appropriate. Care is available to meet parents work or school schedules.

Alternative Payment (AP) Programs

Through these programs, parents select a child care provider and payment for the care is made directly to the provider by the AP program. Providers may include licensed centers, licensed family child care homes, and family or friends. The AP program is intended to increase parental choice and accommodate the individual needs of the family.

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